THE REGISTER.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF COUNTY

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W. G. ALLISON, - - - - Editor.

DURING the past four months of the present year the public debt has been reduced $10,171,000. Last year during the same months the reduction was $4,149,907.

NEXT week we will try and publish the President's message in full. It is much longer than his message last year, and is generally conceded to excel his former messages as much in ability as in length.

IN THE election of Mr. Kerr as Speaker the hard money wing of the Democratic party were victorious. Mr. Kerr is also opposed to Tom Scott's proposed Southern Pacific Railroad scheme. Two points in his favor.

THE Atchison *Patriot* has changed hands, Messrs Park, Vandegrift and Peters succeeding Mr. Nelson Abbott. Under the new management it is promised that the paper shall be "uncompromisingly Democratic."

NEWS from London on the 7th inst. report the loss of the steamship Deutchland, which started from Bremen on the 4th inst., for New York, with the most of her passengers and crew, about one hundred and fifty in all.

THE "Central Church," an organization presided over by Prof. Swing, was inaugurated in McVicar's theater at Chicago, last Sunday, in the presence of a very large audience. This new church embraces christians from all creeds.

THE latest discovery in the way of frauds is that practiced upon the United States by the St. Louis gas company. It is alleged that this company has been defrauding the government of revenue by the manufacture and sale of a much greater amount of gas than they reported to the revenue collector.

WHEN Congress assembled this week the report of the Treasurer showed that there was a balance of $70,404,676 in specie and $12,000,000 in currency in the Treasury. The predictions of certain croakers that there would be found a deficit in the Treasury at the assembling of Congress have not been verified.

UP TILL the present time, as compared with former years, there is a great falling off in the number of hogs slaughtered. Chicago is 179,000 behind and St. Louis 244,000. Still the demand is not very great for the product but the prices rule high. Home and foreign purchasers buy sparingly and mostly small orders for immediate use.

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In response to the demands of General Babcock for an investigation of the charges implicating him in the whisky frauds at St. Louis, the President has appointed a Court of Inquiry. The law makes it the duty of the President to appoint such a Court when it is demanded by an officer of the regular army who is charged with offenses for which he would be amenable before the civil authorities. This Court will meet in Chicago the first of next month, and consists of Generals, Sheridan, Hancock, and Terry. It will be presided over by the Professor of Law at West Point and has power to compel the attendance of witnesses, administer oaths, etc., the same as the highest civil tribunal would have. If there is any truthfulness in the charges againt General Babcock he will undoubtedly be convicted by this Court.

IN speaking of the present House of Representatives in Connection with Tom Scott's proposed plan of aiding the Southern Pacific Railroad, the New York *Tribune* says:

Now it behooves the people to watch these raiders closely, and to watch the Democratic party in its dealings with them. One would suppose that in the present condition of this overtaxed country no politician with brains enough to get into Congress would think of laboring such an outrageous scheme; but it is hard to set limits to the folly of the Democracy, and therefore we say, watch it closely.

PROF. TICE, who has become so noted as a "weather prophet," his predictions last summer in reference to rains and storms being usually correct, last month made the following statement in reference to the present winter:

"This coming winter will certainly not be an agreeable one. First, cold, really so, will set in about the 23th of November, and continue for nearly a week. It will be warmer about the 5th of December, and then cold for another week. It will be warmer from the 15th to the 18th and then cold again. About the 25th it will be warm, and about the 30th cold, very cold, until January 6th; then warmer till the 12th; then very cold till the 20th; then warmer for a few days, followed by cold weather till about the close of the month. The month of February will be very boisterous, generally warm, but short spells of intensely cold weather."

D. W. WILDER.

The names of various persons are being mentioned in different papers thoroughout the State as being suitable as candidates for Governor, while some of the papers are advocating the claims of certain sections without mentioning any one as a candidate. As to whom the Republican nominee for Governor should be we are not prepared to say, but we favor the selection of the best man regardless of the locality in which he may reside. But the "coming man" for the Republican nomination for Congress from this district is undoubtedly D. W. Wilder, the present Auditor of State. He has the requisite ability, is an old citizen, a genuine Kansan, an indefatigable worker, is well acquainted with the wants of the people and knows more about the State generally than any other living man. As a public officer he has been honest and faithful, ever advocating measures of economy, retrenchment and reform, and is consequently justly very popular with the people. We doubt if there is another man in the district who unites so many desirable qualifications, and we are sure there is not one that is more available. His nomination would give strength to the ticket, his election would be a foregone conclusion and his course in Congress would be alike honorable to himself, his constituents and the State at large. We hope he may receive, as he deserves, the Republican nomination for Congress to represent this district.

CONGRESS.

The first session of the forty-fourth Congress convened at Washington last Monday. Its opening was marked by the presence of an unusually large number of spectators, the majority of whom were personally or indirectly interested in the places which would be to fill on account of a change in the political complexion of the House. The House was called to order at twelve o'clock by the Clerk of the House of the forty-third Congress, Mr. McPherson, nearly all of the members answered to their names. On motion of Mr. Lamar the House then proceeded to the election of a Speaker, and Michael C. Kerr, of Indiana, and James G. Blaine, of Maine, were put in nomination. Mr. Kerr received 173, and Mr. Blaine received 106, and a few votes were cast for persons not nominated. Mr. Kerr was conducted to the chair by Messrs. Randall and Blaine, and the oath was administered to him by Mr. Kelley, of Pennsylvania, the oldest member in continuous service in the House. The Speaker then administered the oath to the members, a number of the those from the Southern States not being able to take the iron clad oath the modified oath was administered to them.

The following persons were chosen to fill the offices of the House: Clerk, Geo. M. Adams, Kentucky; Sergeant at Arms, John G. Thompson, Ohio; Door Keeper, Lafayette A. Fitzhugh, Texas; Postmaster, Jas. M. Stewart, Virginia; Chaplain, Rev. J. L. Townsend, District of Columbia. Of these officers Fitzhugh and Stewart took the modified oath.

The Senate was called to order at twelve o'clock by the President *pro tem.*, Mr. Ferry of Michigan, and the House and the President were notified that the Senate was ready for business. David M. Key, of Tenn., was sworn in as successor to Andrew Johnson. Mr. Boutwell announced the death of Vice-President Wilson, and said that resolutions relative of his life, character and public services would be offered at an early day. The Senate then adjourned.

On the 8th inst. a large number of bills were introduced in the Senate, among them was one by Senator Ingalls for the sale of the Black Bob Indian lands in this State, and conferring exclusive jurisdiction on the U. S. Courts for the punishment of crimes committed by and against the Indians. A joint resolution was submitted by Senator Morton to amend the Constitution of the United States so as to elect President and Vice-President by a direct vote of the people.

Postal News.

Post-office changes in Kansas during the week ending Dec. 4th, 1875. Furnished by Wm. Van Vleck, of the Post-office Department:

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THOUSANDS of laborers are thrown out of employment by the suspension of coal and iron companies.

Deputy Sheriff Hill, of Wilson county, informs the *Union* that some men entered into a conspiracy for the purpose of firing the town of Neodesha, and while the buildings were burning it was their intention to rob the stores. Mr. Hill says that the town was to be fired in three or four places. Their plans were to be put into execution last Friday evenening. They were partially successful in their designs, as one house was burned. Two of the men implicated in the affair were lodged in the county jail on Tuesday evening.

The President's Message.

We surrender most of our available space this morning to President Grant's first message to the Forty-fourth congress. It is a singularly able and comprehensive document and discusses almost every phase of public affairs with characteristic boldness, perspicuity and decision. Without space for comment at this time, we shall merely summarize the principal topics under review. The president treats popular education as a subject of paramount national concern; earnestly recommends the taxation of church property; believes that neither the independence of Cuba nor her belligerent rights should be recognized in the existing condition of affairs; defines international rights and privileges as affecting the submarine electric cable companies; comments upon the Mexican depredations on the Texas frontier; naturalization frauds, and the gross impositions practiced upon the government through the court of claims; advocates specie resumption on and after January 1st 1879, as provided by act of Congress; makes sundry recommendations concerning financial legislation, specifically the redemption of two millions monthly of legal tenders, by issuing in their stead long bonds bearing interest at the rate of 3.25-100 per cent per annum; and providing for increasing the revenue by a restoration of the duty on tea and coffee. Various practical observation are submitted concerning the mining states and territories, and the institution of polygamy and the importation of Chinese women for illegitimate purposes are severely reprobated and denounced.

These are the leading features of the president's message, which concludes with a brief recapitulation of the questions he deems of the most vital importance, and calling for immediate legislation by congress. He pronounces in favor of compulsory education so far as to deprive all persons who cannot read and write from becoming voters after the year 1890, advocates the distinct and perpetual separation of church and state, and that no sectarian tenets shall be ever taught in any school supported in whole or part by the state or nation; that licensed immorality shall be suppressed, and that such laws be enacted as shall secure a speedy return to sound currency; and suggesting that the beginning of the second century of our national existence will be the most fitting time for the inauguration of these reforms. It is altogether the most interesting and impressive utterance that has emanated from President Grant, and as addressed to the opening session of the fourty-fourth congress, and upon the eve of another presidential canvass, will be read with universal interest and elicit wide spread and exciting comment.—*Kansas City Journal of Commerce.*

STATE NEWS.

Thayer is to have a new Catholic Church.

Atchison talks of establishing a public library.

A chapter of Royal Arch Masons is being organized at Wichita.

A splendid coal mine has been discovered one mile from Cherryvale.

The Beloit *Gazette* thinks that money is more plenty in that part of the State.

The citizens of Washington county while away their hours by an occasional wolf hunt.

Miss Lillian Ross, daughter of ex-Senator Ross, is a candidate for enrolling clerk.

The Garnett *Plaindealer* complains of a number of tramps that infest that locality.

Weston is the name of the place chosen as the county seat of Norton county.

The papers generally throughout the State are enthusiastic over the "Annals of Kansas."

Mush and milk suppers are getting to be quite fashionable in the rural towns of Kansas.

The Fort Scott *Monitor* thinks the next Governor should come from Southern or Western Kansas.

Petitions are circulating in the southern part of Douglas county, asking for a herd law in that county.

An old stone school house, in 1868 the finest house in Greenwood county, was sold the other day for $40.

The Woodson County *Post* says that next fall the herd law will be an issue in every county in the State.

The Oswego *Independent* thinks that Hon. B. W. Perkins would make a good Congressman from the second district.

Rattlesnake creek runs through Zion's Valley in Barton county. This is as bad as the serpent in the Garden of Eden.

The Presbyterian Church of Junction City has unanimously resolved to extend a call to become their pastor to Rev. S. B. Fleming, of Arkansas City, Cowley county.

The Osage Mission *Journal* says: "There is an interesting revival in progress at the Methodist church here, and quite a goodly number have made a profession of religion."

There is a man in Jefferson county who has just taken his first ride on a railroad. He went into the car with great caution, observing that he would rather ride a wild mule.

The Osage *Free Press* says that the newspapers are often accused of "selling out," but the world concedes that always the Press and G. Washington's spirit go marching on, hand-in-hand.

The Winfield *Courier* says: Five hundred Pawnee Indians passed through town to day. In the year 1623 they owned the entire domain from the Yellowstone to the Arkansas river, and numbered up in the tens of thousands.

Some of the Mennonites now in the city, are making a practice of begging to the great annoyance of some of our citizens. We regard them as the wards of the Santa Fe Railroad Company, and it should see that they have the necessaries of life.—*Topeka Blade.*

Two young men of Ottawa were sent by a merchant to empty four kegs of damaged powder into the river, instead of which, they threw it into a chasm in the ground and thought to have some fun by firing it. The explosion killed one and seriously burned the other.

The Lawrence *Journal* says: "We have it on excellent authority that a gentleman of Southern Kansas proposes soon to erect on our dam site, a mill for the manufacture of oil. The gentleman himself is an extensive cultivator of castor beans, and though urged to establish his factory in Kansas City, has declined in favor of Lawrence."

NOTES AND EXTRACTS.

Cesarism—Clipping from exchanges.

A slow match—A ten year's engagement.

Vice-President Wilson's life was insured for $3,500.

The bachelors who escaped this year, should remember that 1876 will be leap-year.

The 'Michigan Christian Temperance' women propose to have tobacco put upon the pledge, with whisky.

Gen. Butler is credited with the plaintive and egotistical remark, "This is a bad year for the unrighteous."

Des Moines is adopting kerosene for her street lamps. So are the business men. The gas men's craft is in danger.

Harper's Weekly thinks the revival of the third term nonsense "argues an untimely return of the silly season."

The Rochester *Democrat* says the few persons who do not know that kerosene is explosive are rapidly dying off.

It is said that more passengers are transported between New York and Chicago than on any other rout in the United States.

Fred. Douglass has undertaken the completion of Vice-President Wilson' "History of the Rise and Fall of the Slave Power."

It is announced in Washington that Miss Sickles, the eldest daughter of the ex-United States Minister to Spain, is soon to be married to a Spanish nobleman.

Mrs. Col. John A. Joyce, wife of the convicted revenue official, is a visitor at Green Lake, Wis., at the summer residence of Gen. John McDonald, the other convicted revenue official.

John Morrissey has bought the pool-selling privileges from the Louisville, Jockey club, at Louisville Ky., for five years, at $10,000 per year. This club gives two meetings of six days each, a year.

Joyce is writing a story in the style of "David Copperfield," entitled "Life and Adventures of Johny Jackson." The last chapters are to be devoted to the Whisky Ring. The two first chapters are finished, and contain some very spicy reading.

Ex-Senator Carpenter announces over his signature that he will bring suits for libel against the Chicago *Tribune* and the Chicago *Journal*. The alleged libels were charged to the effect that Mr. Carpenter was a party to the operations of the Whisky Ring.

A curious point has been raised in London in regard to Cardinal Manning, who, as did Guibord, belongs to a club, the Atheneum, and frequents it, although its library is full of books condemned by the Church of Rome. Why not excommunicate him?

Women are beginning to obtain new privileges in Minnesota. At the late election a large majority was given for a constitutional amendment providing that any woman of 21 years of age and older may vote at any election for officers of schools, or, any measure relating to schools, or may be eligible to any office pertaining to the management of schools.

Young cattle are dying in some sections of the State from what is known as "black leg." Mr. Geo. H. Everett, of Pottawatomie county, says that "bleeding below the affected part" is the effectual cure. Let every one remember that it will save them the loss of their valuable young cattle. It is the only cure that I have ever heard of that has any effect in saving life when once attacked by this fatal disease. I have tried this and know."

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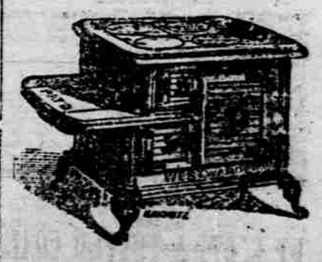

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